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SUBJECT: RWANDAN PM SAYS YES TO BUJUMBURA CONFERENCE

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2. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING THE MEETING JANUARY 17 OF THE  
RWANDA OPERATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP (ROSG), ASSISTANT  
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SECRETARY MOOSE MET WITH RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER FAUSTIN  
TWAGIRAMUNGU. THE RWANDAN PM WAS IN GENEVA TO ATTEND THE  
UNDP ROUNDTABLE ON RWANDA. MOOSE OUTLINED THE PURPOSE OF  
THE ROSG, REVIEWED THE DAY'S DISCUSSION, AND EXPRESSED  
DONOR CONCERNS ABOUT THE HUGE SUMS CONTAINED IN THE UNDP  
CONSOLIDATED APPEAL. MOOSE ALSO RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE  
UPCOMING REFUGEE CONFERENCE IN BUJUMBURA. HE NOTED THAT  
THE RWANDAN DELEGATION TO THE ADDIS PREPCON HAD CAST THE  
CONFERENCE IN AN EXTREMELY NEGATIVE LIGHT, AND HE URGED

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THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA TO BOTH PARTICIPATE IN THE BUJUMBURA CONFERENCE AND TO USE THE OCCASION TO PRESENT ITS POLICY ON NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. TWAGIRAMUNGU REITERATED SOME OF THE GOR'S PROBLEMS WITH THE CONFERENCE, BUT ASSURED MOOSE THAT RWANDA WOULD PARTICIPATE, AND WOULD ISSUE A POLITICAL DECLARATION AT THE UNDP ROUNDTABLE THE FOLLOWING DAY TO CLARIFY ITS POSITION. AMBASSADOR RAWSON

AND AMBASSADOR FRIEDMAN (COORDINATOR FOR RWANDA) PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING, AND VISITING ZAIRE DESKOFF ACTED AS NOTETAKER. END SUMMARY.

DONOR CONCERNS ABOUT THE UN APPEAL FOR RWANDA  
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3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER WITH A SHORT OUTLINE OF THE PURPOSE OF THE RWANDA OPERATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP (ROSG). MOOSE EXPLAINED THAT THE ROSG WAS NOT A POLITICAL GROUP, BUT WAS INTENDED TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. MOOSE ADDED THAT THE REGIONAL CRISIS WAS A COMPLEX ONE, AND THAT THE ISSUE OF SECURITY IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS IN ZAIRE WAS A  
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PARTICULARLY INTRACTABLE PROBLEM. MOOSE SAID THAT AFTER MANY MONTHS OF DISCUSSION, THERE STILL WAS NO SOLUTION IN PLACE, ALTHOUGH UNHCR OGATA HAD ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY ON BEHALF OF HER ORGANIZATION TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF INSECURITY IN THE CAMPS.

4. MOOSE TOLD TWAGIRAMUNGU THAT THE DISCUSSION AT THE JANUARY 17 ROSG MEETING IN GENEVA HAD RAISED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE UN'S ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION. IN PARTICULAR, DONOR COUNTRIES WANTED ASSURANCES THAT THE UN IS COORDINATING ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION ("THERE IS EVERY INDICATION," MOOSE NOTED, "THAT THERE IS A DUPLICATION OF EFFORT."); THE DONORS ALSO WANTED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRIORITIES OF THE DIFFERENT UN AGENCIES; AND FINALLY, THERE WAS SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE TOTAL MAGNITUDE OF THE UN APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA

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[REDACTED] HE  
SAID THAT THE GOR HAD TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO MAKE AN  
APPEAL AT THE UNDP ROUNDTABLE TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS OF  
CHAOS AND INSECURITY WITHIN RWANDA. "WE WANT THE REFUGEES  
TO COME BACK TO RWANDA, BUT WE MUST CREATE CONDITIONS TO  
RECEIVE THEM." TWAGIRAMUNGU DENIED THAT RWANDA WAS ASKING  
FOR TOO MUCH MONEY, AND ASSERTED THAT "THERE IS A CAPACITY  
-- BOTH WITHIN RWANDA TO ABSORB ASSISTANCE AND WITHIN THE  
DONOR COMMUNITY TO FIND THE MONEY." THE PM EMPHASIZED

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THAT THE GOR HAD THE CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT ITS PROGRAM  
THAT IT COULD CONVINCE PEOPLE TO RETURN. MOOSE SAID THAT  
HE ACCEPTED THE PM'S COMMENTS, BUT REITERATED U.S.

(AND OTHER DONORS) CONCERNS. HE NOTED THAT THE SIZE OF THE  
UNDP APPEAL FOR 1995 WOULD MAKE IT "IMPOSSIBLE FOR DONORS TO  
FIND MONEY THIS YEAR, AND ADDED THAT WE CANNOT IGNORE THE NE  
OF THE REFUGEES.

THE ADDIS PREPCON AND THE BUJUMBURA REFUGEE CONFERENCE  
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6. ON THE RECENT ADDIS PREPCON, MOOSE NOTED THAT THE RWANDA  
DELEGATION HEAD HAD EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED  
TIMING AND AGENDA FOR THE BUJUMBURA CONFERENCE. MOOSE TOLD  
TWAGIRAMUNGU THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THE RWANDAN CONCERNS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BUT THE U.S. W  
DISTURBED THAT THE GOR MIGHT NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE BURUNDI  
CONFERENCE. MOOSE ADDED THAT THE REFUGEE CONFERENCE IN  
BUJUMBURA OFFERED THE GOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ATTENTION  
THE DIMENSION OF THE REGIONAL CRISIS AND TO PRESENT ITS POLI  
ON NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. HE NOTED THAT EARLIER DISCUSSIO  
IN WASHINGTON [REDACTED] HAD SUGGESTED  
THAT RWANDA FAVORED THE REFUGEE CONFERENCE. MOOSE URGED  
TWAGIRAMUNGU TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT OF ITS POSITION ON T  
CONFERENCE, NOTING THAT THIS WOULD REASSURE THE DONOR COMMUN

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[REDACTED] MOOSE RESPONDED THAT THE CONFERENCE W  
DESIGNED TO FOCUS ON THE IMMEDIATE CRISIS IN CENTRAL AFRICA  
ITS IMPACT ON NEIGHBORING STATES. THE AGENDA WAS A NEUTRAL  
ONE, AND WOULD DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES O  
REFUGEE SENDING AND RECEIVING STATES. HE ADDED THAT THE U.S  
HAD WANTED THE CONFERENCE TO CONVENE LAST FALL, IN ORDER TO  
CLARIFY THE SAME ISSUES WHICH THE RWANDAN DELEGATION PLANNED  
ADDRESS AT THE UNDP ROUNDTABLE.

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8. [REDACTED] TWAGIRAMUNGU SAID THAT HE WAS NOT  
AGAINST THE CONFERENCE IN PRINCIPLE, AND THAT THE GOR'S  
POSITION WAS IN FAVOR OF ATTENDANCE. IN ORDER TO "AVOID  
CONFUSION," HOWEVER, KIGALI WANTED THE AGENDA TO DEAL WITH  
RWANDA AND BURUNDI ON SEPARATE DAYS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MOOSE SUGGESTE  
THAT THE GOR MIGHT SEND SOMEONE TO ADDIS TO ENSURE THAT  
RWANDA'S CONCERNS WERE REPRESENTED DURING DISCUSSIONS ON THE  
CONFERENCE AGENDA. TWAGIRAMUNGU SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION WO  
HAVE A "POLITICAL STATEMENT" TO MAKE AT THE UNDP ROUNDTABLE

FOLLOWING DAY.

9. KIGALI - MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.  
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